

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (withdrawn) Apparatus for measuring tension exerted on a child seat anchor bracket of a vehicle seat, comprising:

an anchor frame coupled to the anchor bracket, and secured to a frame of the vehicle seat; and

a tension or strain sensor coupled to the anchor frame.

2. (withdrawn) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said sensor includes a first portion rigidly secured to said anchor frame and a second portion integral with said anchor bracket.

3. (currently amended) ~~The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said anchor bracket is rigidly secured to said anchor frame and said~~ Apparatus for measuring tension exerted on a child seat anchor bracket of a vehicle seat, comprising:

an anchor frame rigidly secured to the anchor bracket, and secured to a frame of the vehicle seat; and

a tension sensor ~~includes~~ including a first portion coupled to said anchor frame and a second portion coupled to the seat frame.

4. (currently amended) The apparatus of Claim 3, wherein said anchor frame is secured to the seat frame by a pivot coupling, and the first portion of said sensor is coupled to said anchor frame between said pivot joint and said anchor bracket.

5. (new) The apparatus of Claim 3, wherein said anchor frame extends laterally across said seat, and first and second child seat anchor brackets are rigidly secured to laterally opposite ends of said anchor frame such that said first and second anchor brackets are disposed in a gap between back and bottom cushions of said seat.

6. (new) The apparatus of Claim 5, wherein the first portion of said sensor is coupled to said anchor frame at a point intermediate said first and second child seat anchor brackets.

7. (new) The apparatus of Claim 6, wherein said anchor frame is secured to the seat frame by a pivot coupling, and the first portion of said sensor is coupled to said anchor frame at a point intermediate said pivot joint and said anchor brackets.